fairness and impartiality.

Warning to Tourists by Militants in Kashmir

4107. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item appearing in the 'Indian Express' dated 3rd June, 1994 to the effect that certain militant outfits operating in the Kashmir Valley have warned the tourists to leave the valley;

(b) if so, the number of tourists both foreigners and domestic present in the valley at the time of the threat; and

(c) the position of tourists arrivals in the valley since then and as on date?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the information available from the State Government, 54 foreign tourists arrived in the valley from 1st to 3rd June 1994. No domestic tourists arrived during the period.

(c) As many as 702 foreign tourists visited the Valley during 4th to 30th June and 1566 foreign tourists during July 1994. No domestic tourists visited the valley during the above period.

Additional increment to airport engineers in Al and IA.

4108. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 6945 given in the Rajya Sabha on 12th May, 1994 and state:

(a) whether it is a' fact that certain aircraft engineers from maintenance, instrument, and electrical trades who were also promoted as Senior Aircraft Engineers w.e.f. 1st October, 1988 vide Establishment Order No. 53 dated June 9, 1989 have as yet not been given the benefit of any additional increment;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some engineers holding such positions have already been given this benefit;

(c) if so, the reasons for this discrimination;

(d) whether Government propose to issue order for grant of additional increment to those left out; and

(e) if so, when and if not the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (e) No, Sir. As per the Memorandum of Understanding signed on 26.2.1989 between Indian Airlines and All India Aircraft Engineers' Association, all aircraft engineers who were represented by the Association and had completed one year of service on 30.9.1988, were granted, as a one time exercise, one additional increment on 1.10.1988.

Provision for New Trainer Aircraft for Flying Clubs

4109. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many of the flying clubs of the country have outdated and obsolete aircraft for training purpose;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the use of obsolete trainer aircraft is one of the reasons of sub-standard pilot training; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to provide new trainer aircrafts to these flying clubs?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Some aircraft with flying clubs are old. It was not possible to replace old aircraft